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SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES 49



THE 1957 GRADUATING CLASS

SEATED, L TO R: MISSES E. TAYLOR, B. ROSEMAN, A. MURPHY, M. HARVEY, J. ROBERT, R. DIMAGGIO, B. CARTY, I. GLASER, R. CORIS, J. TIRCK, R. SIEGEL.

2nd ROW, STANDING: MISSES A. TUCKER, P. KIRSHENBAUM, T. ADLER, H. EISENBERG, R. POWIS, J. NESSON, J. TUCK, G. KATZ, A. PAULHUS, R. CHARNEY, B. TRUDELL, D. DUNAY, B. LOVIT, A. KALIPOLITES, J. LUTZ, M. BRISCOE, N. MIRKIN.

LAST ROW: R. WITTENBERG, C. BOTMAN, B. BELT, L. GAYTON, A. BURKE, C. FEITAL, G. ROSENBERG, S. GOLDMAN, L. BERGERON, H. ALFOND, M. BAUM, R. BELKIN, P. SUZMAN, H. GIBLEY, B. STARR, B. BROTMAN, B. RICH.

NOT PRESENT: M. LIBMAN, D. BIENSTOCK, C. MAGIER, P. DIWINSKY.

On Thursday evening, May 16th, 49 young women were graduated from the School of Nursing at commencement exercises held in the Meeting House of Temple Israel. Dr. J. Paul Mather, President of the University of Massachusetts, was guest speaker.

The Glee Club of the School sang several numbers under the direction of Louis Siagel. Mrs. Sidney R. Rabb, Chairman of the Nursing School Advisory Committee, presided. Miss Edmunds gave a report of the School's activities, and the diplomas were presented by Mr. Abram Berkowitz, President of the Hospital.

Dr. Sheps who welcomed the class, presented the following awards:

BRIDGET CARTY *Kaufman Medal*
for highest attainment in theoretical, practical and kindly nursing.

BARBARA BURNIM *Ernestine Spitz Prager Prize*
to the second-year student whose excellence in bedside nursing combines skill with sympathetic understanding.

JEAN ROBERT *Claire Sonis Award*
To the member of the graduating class who typifies the Beth Israel nurse, one whose joy and kindly spirit are ever an inspiration to others.

ROBERTA SIEGEL *Evelyn Levins Award*
To the student who has best demonstrated sympathy and kindness in patient care.

The employees of the Hospital extend their heartiest congratulations to the entire class, with a special tribute to the award winners. We're proud to have them as part of the Beth Israel family.

IN MEMORIAM

The employees of the Beth Israel Hospital note with deep sorrow the passing of Dr. Paul Selby, Jr., medical intern, on May 23, 1957, and extend their deepest sympathies to the members of his family.

The flag was lowered to half mast in his memory, which will linger long in the hearts of his fellow employees and the patients whom he served.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL PARTY JUNE 26

The Third Annual Beth Israel Hospital Party, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, will be held this year on Wednesday, June 26th, in the Ballroom of the Hotel Bradford from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. This was the site of the first party held in 1955 which was so enthusiastically received and well attended by the employees.

Two photographs of the 1956 party, which was a moonlight cruise held in the Boston harbor, appear below.

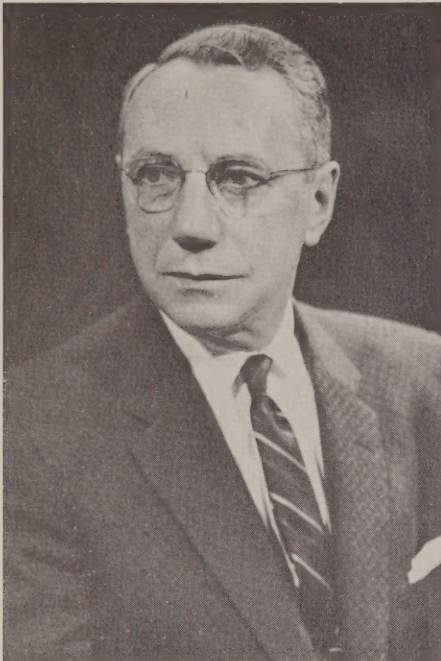


TWO SCENES OF LAST YEAR'S EMPLOYEE PARTY: DR. SHEPS AND MR. ABRAM BERKOWITZ, PRESIDENT, GIVING SERVICE AWARDS TO MAINTENANCE WORKERS, ELVIRA BOYLE AND BARNETT GREEN; PART OF THE CROWD ON THE DANCE FLOOR.



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Meet The Family



VINCENT GODLESKY

On April 20, 1932, a new storekeeper was hired at the Beth Israel Hospital. He was an eager young man who took the job temporarily until he could find one in his chosen field of advertising. It was during the depression and jobs were difficult to find.

On April 22, 1957—25 years later—the head of the Purchasing Department was tendered a surprise party on the occasion of his 25th anniversary at the Beth Israel Hospital.

Vincent Godlesky, who left the University of Akron with his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, eager to make a place for himself in the advertising world, is now a recognized leader in the field of hospital purchasing. The temporary job which he took as storekeeper soon developed into a permanent one. In those early days of the Hospital, the job involved not only stock control, but printing and at times, meat cutting, as well.

In 1939, Mr. Godlesky was appointed Purchasing Agent. When it became apparent that his career would be in that area rather than in advertising, he determined to become a crack purchasing agent. Not content with simply on-the-job learning, he enrolled in as many courses as were available in purchasing and supplies so that his knowledge would be based on theory as well as on practice.

As a result, Vincent Godlesky has earned an outstanding reputation in his field. Author of a number of articles on hospital purchasing, he has served as a Lecturer at Boston University, as a panelist at meetings of the New England Hospital Assembly, and as a faculty member at American Hospital Association institutes on nursing service administration, dietary administration, and hospital purchasing. He is an active member of the New England Purchasing Agents Association and has served on their Board. Mr. Godlesky also served on the Board of Directors of the Hospital Purchasing Corporation of Boston for four years.

Mr. Godlesky knows what it means to be a member of a team. His active participation in baseball and basketball while at college and in golf in recent years, as well as his spectator interest in watching his son play



AT THE PARTY CELEBRATING MR. GODLESKY'S 25th ANNIVERSARY, HE LISTENS AS DR. SHEPS PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIM. LOOKING ON ARE (L. TO R.) MR. GARDNER, DR. FEENEY, MR. BERKOWITZ, DR. FREEDBERG, DR. WILINSKY, DR. CANDER, DR. BLUMGART, AND DR. ALEXANDER.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR HOSPITAL?

- House Officers' quarters are located: (a) Yamins Research Building, (b) 8 South, (c) 2 North.
- Kirstein Hall houses: (a) Blood Bank, (b) Student nurses, (c) Central Supply.
- The George Sherman Auditorium is used primarily for (a) dance recitals, (b) movies, (c) teaching.
- House Officers are: (a) M.D.'s, (b) medical students, (c) male nurses.
- Beth Israel's bed capacity is: (a) 366 patients, (b) 300 patients, (c) 402 patients.
- The number of meals served each year is (a) 5,000-6,000, (b) 900,000-1,000,000, (c) 600,000-700,000.
- The Beth Israel Hospital was incorporated in (a) 1915, (b) 1928, (c) 1902.
- The Out-Patient Department has..... clinics: (a) 34, (b) 16, (c) 56.
- The number of Beth Israel employees is (a) 700-800, (b) 1000-1200, (c) 1800-2000.
- The parking lot is supervised by (a) Maintenance, (b) Housekeeping, (c) Board of Trustees.

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on the Tufts University hockey team, have taught him the importance of the team approach. Although his job seldom brings him in direct contact with patients, he recognizes the importance of his role in the hospital goals of patient care, teaching, and research; and the members of his department are impressed with their contribution to the care and comfort of patients.

The respect with which Mr. Godlesky is regarded by his colleagues was evident on April 22, 1957, when department heads, clinical chiefs, the Hospital president, Mr. Abram Berkowitz, the former director, Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky—the man who hired him—and other members of the Hospital family came to honor him on the occasion of his 25th anniversary. Dr. Sheps warmly commended him for his devotion to an institution which was only 28 years old and to which he had given 25 years of loyal service.

"The moral of the story," commented Mr. Godlesky when being interviewed for this article, "is—don't take a temporary job at Beth Israel." (Editor's note—Help Wanted, temporary storekeepers.)

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A Look At Pathology And Laboratory Services

A vital part of the behind-the-scenes activity of the hospital is centered in the laboratories where a wide variety of tests is performed daily on blood, urine, body fluids and tissues. These tests are designed to aid the physician in arriving at an accurate understanding of his patient's illness and to help him follow from day to day the course of the illness and the effectiveness of treatment. The importance of these tests in modern medicine is evident from the fact that 200,000 of them are performed at the Beth Israel Hospital each year and this number is constantly increasing. In order to carry them out with the required speed and accuracy, a staff of more than 25 skilled technicians is required working under the direction of Dr. David Freiman, Pathologist-in-Chief and Director of Laboratories, and Dr. Sidney Cohen, the Associate Director of Laboratories.



ACCURATE MEASUREMENT IS ESSENTIAL IN THE CHEMISTRY LABORATORY. HERE BLOOD SERUM IS TRANSFERRED INTO TUBES IN PREPARATION FOR SUGAR DETERMINATIONS ESSENTIAL IN THE DETECTION OF DIABETES.

The various laboratory activities of the hospital fall into the general field of Pathology which, in its broadest sense, means the study of disease. Because of space limitations and the need for highly specialized modern equipment to perform all the required tests, these activities are carried on in several parts of the hospital. On 3-North are the chemistry laboratories where careful measurements are constantly being made on blood and body fluids to detect those substances which vary from normal in disease and return to normal on recovery. Since the amount of these substances is often very small and the meaningful changes even smaller, great accuracy and highly sensitive instruments are required in measuring them. In other laboratories on this same floor microscopic examinations of blood and urine aid the physician in detecting anemias, infections, kidney diseases and many other illnesses. Here, too, an important test permits close control of the anti-bloodclotting drugs essential in the treatment of patients who have suffered heart attacks.

In the bacteriology laboratories on 1-North the microorganisms which cause disease can be grown outside of the body from infected material. In this way they can be identified, permitting the proper choice of anti-biotic



BACTERIA GROWN IN GLASS TUBES AND DISHES ARE TRANSFERRED ON A STERILE WIRE TO SLIDES WHERE THEY CAN BE STAINED AND EXAMINED UNDER THE MICROSCOPE. MISS GUNILLA FLYGT, BACTERIOLOGY TECHNICIAN, STERILIZES HER WIRE IN THE FLAME BEFORE MAKING A TRANSFER.

drugs to be used in treatment. These drugs can be tested on the bacteria themselves to determine in advance whether they are likely to prove effective in treating the disease. In the cytology laboratory nearby, smears are examined to rule out the presence of cancer or to detect it in its earliest phases when it can be effectively treated and cured.



PIECES OF TISSUE EMBEDDED IN PARAFFIN WAX ARE HERE CUT INTO THIN RIBBONS BY MRS. DOROTHY PLATT, CHIEF TISSUE TECHNICIAN. A SPECIAL MACHINE CALLED A MICROTOME CUTS SLICES LESS THAN 1/2500 OF AN INCH THICK.

The greatest portion of the laboratories on 1-North is given over to the functions of Tissue Pathology. To this laboratory all the tissue removed by the surgeon in the operating room is sent to be examined. It is of prime importance for the surgeon to know as quickly as possible whether tissue so removed is cancerous and he will often call the pathologist directly to the operating room to examine it and to give his opinion. In order to do so, the tissue is cut into extremely thin sections, stained and examined under the microscope.

The pathologist is also charged with the task of studying those tissues that may be removed at autopsy. Because much is to be learned of the nature of disease from the examination of such tissues, the pathologist has an important teaching role in the hospital.



MANY IMPORTANT SLIDES ARE PHOTOGRAPHED TO BE USED IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH. HERE DR. MING PREPARES TO TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH THROUGH THE MICROSCOPE.

Here the physician can study the effects of diseases on the human body and can learn how to combat them; some of the most important advances in medicine have been made in this way. A group of physicians headed by the Pathologist-in-Chief has the full-time responsibility of performing these functions. Since it requires several years of training to acquire the necessary knowledge and skill to perform them properly, a resident staff of pathologists-in-training and of resident physicians who wish some months of experience in this field as part of their training in medicine or surgery is also maintained. It is inevitable that this department should also feel a strong obligation to carry on special research studies and to collaborate in every possible way with the other research activities going on in the hospital.

Other laboratory activities are carried on in the Blood Bank where the lifesaving task of typing blood and preparing transfusions proceeds 24 hours a day, in the heart and brain wave laboratories where vital tests essential to the physician in treating disorders of these organs are performed and in the research laboratories where new tests are constantly being developed and perfected. All of these laboratories provide an integrated network of services expressly designed to work hand-in-hand with the physician and to provide the highest possible quality of medical care day after day every day of the year.

DAVID G. FREIMAN, M.D.
Pathologist-in-Chief

A HAPPY SUMMER!

With this issue of the B. I. NEWS, publication will be suspended until the fall.

The Editorial Committee takes this opportunity of wishing all employees a very pleasant vacation.

PARKING PERMITS

In order to relieve some of the parking problem and to ensure that only authorized persons use the Hospital parking areas, official Parking Permits must be affixed to cars in order to have the privilege of parking in such areas.

Employees wishing to avail themselves of these facilities should secure permits from the Maintenance Department. Call Ext. 467 for instructions.



ARLENE VILKER, PERSONNEL, WATCHES AS HARRY FERULLO, MAINTENANCE, AFFIXES NO. 1 PARKING PERMIT TO HER CAR.

CORRECT ANSWERS TO "HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR HOSPITAL"

ANSWERS

1. (c); 2. (b); 3. (c); 4. (a); 5. (a); 6. (b); 7. (a); 8. (a); 9. (b); 10. (a).

ANNUAL HOSPITAL—

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An active Steering Committee has been meeting for some time making the initial arrangements. Included in this group are:

Priscilla Belcher	Personnel
Dr. Leon Candor	House Officers
Louis B. Ely	Maintenance
Mattie L. Johnson	Radiology
Eleanor Greenberg	OPD
Charles Stumpf	Administration
Roslyn Swirsky	Nursing
Edith A. Syrjala	Dietary

Acting in an advisory capacity are Samuel Racoff, Purchasing, and Jerome R. Sapolsky, Administrative Resident.

Assisting the Steering Committee are representatives of various departments including Rose Baker, Donald Brawders, Florence Browkaw, John Cusack, Mary Lou DeSisto, Aileen Dowd, Catherine Hawberry, George Lewis, Teresa Meaney, Leola Morris, Timothy O'Leary, Sylvia Slotnick, Judith Weiner, Francis K. Wald, and Kathleen Wuesthoff.

The Steering Committee is anxious for as much employee participation as possible. Anyone wishing to help on decorations, entertainment, program planning, or publicity should contact Miss Belcher.

The theme of this year's party is a Circus Party. As is customary, each employee may bring one guest.

The program for the evening includes Service Recognition for employees who have been with the Hospital five or ten years, special entertainment to be followed by dancing, prizes, and refreshments.

Both the cruise in 1956 and the Hotel Bradford party held in 1955 established this annual event as an outstanding occasion for B. I. employees. Remember the date—Wednesday, June 26th.

What's Going On?

ACCOUNTING: Arnold Crocker has left our employ . . . Jeanette Sander and hubby have bought a new home . . . Anne Spellman has joined the Accounting staff.

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ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Sidney Lee and family are vacationing in Europe . . . welcome to Joan Brisk, new secretary.

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DIETARY: Welcome back to Etta Tall from her California trip . . . Congratulations to Anna Segal and Tony Cirulis on the births of their grandchildren . . . Many agreeable comments on the new look in the Cafeteria . . . The Dietary staff and dietetic interns enjoyed a dinner where each staff member prepared a Continental dish . . . Pearl Yellen attended a Food Service Institute in Detroit, Michigan, sponsored by the American Hospital Association.

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DENTAL CLINIC: It will be farewell on July 1st to the five Dental Assistant trainees three of whom—Carol Weigel, Maxine Patrick, and Virginia Crossen—are being employed by staff men. Carol Vautour is staying on in the Dental Clinic as an employee, and Nancy Almquist is planning to further her dental education by entering the Forsythe for training as a dental hygienist . . . Also farewell to Drs. Brenman, Hattler, Levine, Millsap, and Broder.

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MAINTENANCE: Alex Rouleau, an employee for almost seven years, recently retired. Francis Hart resigned to accept an appointment on the Brookline Police Force. Welcome to new employees, Fred Lavoie and Richard Umbro.

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NURSING: Nancy Kashalena, Natalie Blake and Claire Calfetti went to the American Operating Room Nurses (AORN) congress in Los Angeles in February. In addition to attending the meeting, they were able to see some of California. Natalie and Claire visited Disneyland, and then Claire spent the weekend at Long Beach visiting a classmate. Nancy's husband, Jim, went along, too. His uncle, Jimmy McHugh, the song writer ("I'm in the mood for love, Sunny Side of the Street") entertained them. They met Yul Brunner, Jane Mansfield, Gary Cooper, and Ann Blyth. They watched Miss Blyth do some scenes for the Helen Morgan story. They were also entertained by Luella Parsons with cocktails at her home followed by dinner out . . . Welcome to the following new employees—Lessie Burrell, Helen McLaurin, Marjorie Kelly, Romaine Jones, Joseph Worsley, Mary Alice Killoren, Hazel Lewis, Geraldine Armstrong, Hazel Cheatham, Helen Rodes, Celeste Royston, Gladys Williams, Phyllis Kirshenbaum, May T. Briscoe, Paroohy Getzoian, Marcia Washington, Charlotte Feital, Ruby Wittenberg, Virginia Forbes, Dorothy Coulliard, Barbara Rich, Estelle Bernardin, Nina Wilson, Louise DeShazer, Ruth McCormick, Ida Hathaway,



ELIZABETH KINGSTON, NURSE, GIVES MRS. SHARON COHEN, PATIENT, HER MEDICATION FROM THE NEW MEDICART, GIFT OF THE AUTOMOTIVE WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION.

Mary Lee Seate, June Lowe, Maria Tsonides . . . Leroy Jones transferred from Housekeeping to Nursing, and Evelyn Murphy from Dietary . . . Newcomer Alice Lewis is Grace Remy's sister . . . Esther Harris is going to attend a church convention in New York . . . Happy vacations to Ann Ross, Rae Barishman, Mary Ann Marino, Rosemary Sheridan, Gladys Walker (who is off to Europe) . . . To California go Doris Donovitz and Frieda Silverman, and back from California is Barbara Ashjian . . . Congratulations to recently-married Agnes Carlage, Elaine Berman, and Marilyn Klaiman . . . And the same to new mothers, Matti Roberts Skelton and Delores Moisen who had boys, and Ruth Broder, mother of a girl . . . Speedy recovery to Reeve Liverman, Clara Hunter, and Blanche Sherer, and glad to have back, recovered from her illness, Annie Phillips, 7 South . . . Usyllis Utley is attending his National Guard Unit . . . Sally Jones, In-Service Education Supervisor, is a member of the Program Resources Directory Committee of the Boston Public Library.

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OUT-PATIENT: Congratulations to Eleanor Cadden, OPD Record Room Clerk, and Clifford Morrison, Maintenance, on April 18th.

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PERSONNEL: Priscilla Belcher addressed the Vermont Hospital Dietitians' Association in Bellows Falls on May 22nd.

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PURCHASING: Welcome to Selma Nerko and Carol Lumsden . . . Sympathy is extended to Robert McSweeney on the recent loss of his father.

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RADIOLOGY: Barbara Berman, receptionist, is vacationing in Europe . . . Welcome to the new receptionist, Ruth Meltzer, who is the mother of Rene Mandel.

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SOCIAL SERVICE: Martha Waldsein presented a paper at the National Conference on Social Welfare held in Philadelphia in May. Beatrice Phillips and Lillian Saltman also represented the B.I. at this meeting . . . Marilyn Berliner flew to the West Coast with her husband and daughter to attend the American Society of Planning Officials Conference in San Francisco in which her husband participated . . . Frances Wald represented the B.I. at a recent meeting of the Sight-Saving Committee of the Massachusetts Division of the Blind . . . Johanna Linch scored a success for her recent performance as the Medium in Menotti's opera, "The Medium" presented by Harvard's Dunster House Music Society. The department is proud of her. She has received offers to act in summer stock and a Gilbert & Sullivan group . . . Farewell and adventures ahead to our students from Boston University, Boston College, and Simmons College Schools of Social Work . . . Beatrice Phillips and Katherine Marjey, Home Care Occupational Therapist) participated in the recent program of the Massachusetts Occupational Therapy Association at the Mass. Memorial Hospitals, discussing Home Care activities at the B.I.

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SWITCHBOARD: Welcome to Helen Burke, Betty Bartlett, and Mabel Byrne. Betty Bartlett has returned to work after undergoing surgery . . . Annette Makino, Chief Operator, is leaving for Kansas City where her husband will undertake a residency in Neuro-Surgery. Florence Brokaw will assume the position of Acting Chief Operator . . . welcome back to Elizabeth Marr who will be giving summer relief, and to Helen Burke, former all-night operator . . . Glad to have back at work after being ill, Alice Hogan and Barbara Fiumaro.